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Office of Child Care
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Washington, DC 20201

Dear OCC Director:

This letter describes how Pueblo of Isleta plans to use the Child Care and Development Funds (CCDF) awarded under the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSA). We understand that this description will be used for the purpose of informing the Office of Child Care, Administration for Children and Families and Congress how our Lead Agency anticipates using the funds to support the child care needs in our jurisdiction.

We plan to use CRRSA funds for activities in the following categories:

1. Direct Services/Subsidies

- In the event the Pueblo of Isleta shuts down due to pandemic circumstances the program will assist families that have to continue to pay for Child Care services at other centers that meet the CCDF requirements while the Isleta Tribal Child Care is closed.
- The program will use funding to up keep the center facilities to maintain a safe, clean environment and purchasing enough sanitation and disinfectant supplies along with other necessary cleaning products.
- The program will use funding to supply the classroom with equipment, supplies and materials. The program will also ensure there is enough equipment supplies and materials for the families that are wanting to still receive remote services. The program will purchase other equipment supplies and materials to support classroom learning environments.
- Due to additional cost of food the program will use funding to help with purchases that are not reimbursed with USDA funding. The program will also use funding to help with non-food items such as disposable packaging and other items used.

2. Implementation of Virus Mitigation Policies and Practices

- The program will purchase equipment and supplies that are associated with personal protective equipment, thermometers additional cleaning, materials, sanitization and disinfectant supplies. The program will purchase any additional supplies that will help prevent and reduce the spread of the virus.
- The program will collaborate with the Tribes COVID-19 Mitigation team and Local Health officials to ensure proper sanitation disinfectant policies and procedures are followed to ensure the health and safety of the staff, children and families.
- The program will work with local community artist and partners to enhance the promotion of safety practice to include culturally relevant poster and other materials.



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- Provide families with resources, supplies and training for cleaning, sanitation and disinfecting to reduce the transmission of the virus.
- The program will purchase items for families as need. These items would include supplies that normally be used daily at the center on case by case basis.

3. Grants or Assistance (Other than Subsidies) to Stabilize Child Care Providers

- The program will provide temporary employment to providers to meet the minimum qualifications as a substitute and pass a background check. Provide professional development opportunities, staffing, and other activities necessary to maintain or resume the operation of programs.
- The program will make accommodations to the parents if they are choosing a qualified center that meets the needs of the family in the event of sudden and frequent closures of the Tribal Child Care, on a case by case basis.

4. Assistance to Providers Not Participating in the Subsidy System Prior to the Pandemic

The Pueblo of Isleta has not determined how to use funds at this time. We are awaiting further guidance at this time.

5. Other

- The program will provide families with family night packets and materials and supplies to take place of in person events to promote family activities.
- The program will provide families with literacy enrichment activities and provide families with books to keep at home to help enhance their home library resources.
- Provide training and support to staff to ensure they are following safety protocols to prevent.
- Incorporate and continue self-care activities and mental health for providers during the pandemic.
- The tribe will work with recommendations of the Tribal mitigation team along with Local Health officials to purchase any items necessary to keep the program operational.

The Pueblo of Isleta will amend our CCDF plan as a result of activities implemented under CRRSA funding not currently described in the plan, within 60 days of implementation.

Sincerely,

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